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MOSCOW PASS SECRETARY SIMON'S PARTY

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TAGS: OVIP (SIMON, WILLIAM E.) IN

SUBJ: SECRETARY SIMON'S VISIT TO INDIA--AGRA PORTION

REF: NEW DELHI 4632

1. SINCE TRANSMITTAL REFTEL WE HAVE SENT AN EMBASSY OFFICER TO AGRA TO CHECK THINGS OUT WITH THE UTTAR PRADESH GOVERNMENT REPS THERE. WE TOLD THIM THAT IN ALL LIKELIHOOD SECRETARY'S PARTY WOULD VISIT AGRA ON THURSDAY, APRIL 17. THE CHIEF OF PROTOCOL IN AGRA THEN DREW UP THE FOLLOWING SCHEDULE FOR A FULL DAY VISIT TO AGRA. WE ARE SENDING THIS SCHEDULE TO YOU FOR YOUR INFORMATION AS PARA 2, THIS MESSAGE. OUR COMMENTS ON THE SCHEDULE ARE CONTAINED IN PARA 3.

PROPOSED SCHEDULE IN AGRA FOR SECRETARY SIMON

0840 ARRIVE AGRA BY INDIAN AIR FORCE PLANE

MET BY MR. A. N. KARE, ADDITIONAL DISTRICT MAGISTRATE &
CHIEF OF PROTOCOL.

0845 SIMON PARTY DEPARTS BY AUTOMOBILES (NO BUS) TO
FATEHPUR SIKRI.

0925 ARRIVE FATEHPUR SIKRI (40 MINUTES SCHEDULED)

1025 DEPART FATEHPUR SIKRI

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1120 ARRIVE CLARK'S SHIRAZ HOTEL

COLD DRINKS AND FRESHEN UP (SUITE RESERVED FOR IMONS;
DOUBLE ROOM FOR BENNETTS, FOUR MORE ROOMS FOR REST OF PARTY.

1145 DEPART CLARK'S SHIRAZ HOTEL FOR TAJ MAHAL.

1150 ARRIVE AT TAJ MAHAL

1235 DEPART TAJ MAHAL

1240 ARRIVE CLARK'S SHIRAZ HOTEL

LUNCH AND REST.

1530 DEPART CLARK'S SHIRAZ HOTEL FOR AGRA FORT

1540 ARRIVE AT AGRA FORT

1625 DEPART AGRA FORT

1625-1725 SHOPPING

1725 DEPART CLARK'S SHIRAZ HOTEL FOR AIRPORT

1745 ARRIVE AIRPORT (20MINUTES SCHEDULED)

3. COMMENTS: (A) CHIEF OF PROTOCOL SCHEDULE ALLOWS PARTY TO BEGIN THE DAY ALMOST ONE HOUR LATER THAN SUGGESTIONS CONTAINED REFTEL. UNDER THIS SCHEDULE THE PARTY WOULD LEAVE ROOSEVELT HOUSE AND ASHOKA HOTEL AT APPROXIMATELY 0740 HOURS AND LEAVE DELHI AIRPORT AT 0755.

(B) WE WOULD SUGGEST ONE CHANGE IN THE SCHEDULE IN AGRA AS SET OUT IN PARA 2, ABOVE, AND THAT IS TO REVERSE THE TIMES FOR SHOPPING AND VISITING THE AGRA FORT. UNDER THIS ARRANGEMENT PARTY WOULD ARRIVE AT CLARK'S SHIRAZ HOTEL AT 1240 FOR LUNCH AND REST AND THEN COULD GO OUT SHOPPING AS SOON AS THEY WISH OR, ALTERNATIVELY, CONFINE SHOPPING TO HOTEL ARCADE. THE ENTIRE PARTY WOULD THEN DEPART FOR THE AGRA FORT AT 1630, ARRIVE AT THE FORT ABOUT 1640 AND DEPART THE FORT DIRECTLY FOR THE AIRPORT AT 1725 HOURS.

(C) DEPARTURE FROM FOR AGRA AT 1745 HOURS WOULD GET PARTY BACK TO NEW DELHI AIRPORT AT 1830 HOURS AND BACK THE THEIR ROOMS AT ROOSEVELT HOUSE AND ASHOKA HOTEL AT APPROXIMATELY 1850. DINNER HOSTED BY SECRETARY SIMON THAT EVENING WILL BEGIN AT ROOSEVELT HOUSE AT 2030 HOURS.

4. PLEASE LET US KNOW AS SOON AS POSSIBLE IF SECRETARY WISHES TO ACCEPT INDIAN AIR FORCE'S OFFER OF A N 18 PASSENGER VIP-EQUIPPED HS-748 AIRCRAFT AS INDICATED IN NEW DELHI 4670, AND IF SO WHETHER SCHEDULE SUGGESTED BY UTTAR PRADESH STATE GOVERNMENT IN PARA 2, ABOVE, AS MODIFIED SLIGHTLY IN PARA 3 (B) IS ACCEPTABLE TO SECRETARY'S PARTY. SCHEDULE LOOKS FINE TO USE.
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